



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 61

LCO No. 153

Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:

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AN ACT CONCERNING COMPREHENSIVE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM FOR STATE-WIDE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That title 9 of the general statutes be amended to establish a
2 voluntary program of comprehensive campaign finance reform for the
3 election of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State
4 Comptroller, State Treasurer and Secretary of the State, starting in
5 2010, under which (1) grants shall be provided to candidates who (A)
6 raise threshold levels of qualifying contributions, and (B) agree to limit
7 campaign spending to qualifying contributions and such grants, (2) the
8 grants shall be funded through use of a voluntary taxpayer check-off
9 system, donated campaign surpluses, contributions and payments of
10 civil penalties and late fees imposed by the State Elections Enforcement
11 Commission or the Secretary of the State, (3) maximum campaign
12 contributions from individuals and certain political committees shall
13 be reduced, and (4) candidates for the offices of Governor, Lieutenant
14 Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer, and
15 Secretary of the State shall be prohibited from soliciting campaign

- 16 contributions from state contractors and the amount of contributions
17 from state contractors to said candidates shall be limited.

Statement of Purpose:

To reform the campaign finance system for candidates for the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer and Secretary of the State.